

**LICENSING ACT COMMITTEE
19TH NOVEMBER 2013**

PRESENT – Councillors Nutt (in the Chair) L. Haszeldine, C. Hughes, B. Jones, Lawton, Newall, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey and L. Vasey. (9)

APOLOGIES – Councillors D. Jones, Lee, J. Lyonette and Stenson. (4)

LA11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

LA12. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Licensing Act 2003 Committee held on 1st October 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

LA13. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Licensing Sub – Committee held on 23rd September 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

LA14. LICENSING ACT 2003 SUMMARY OF LICENCE GRANTED 1 NOVEMBER 2012 TO 31 OCTOBER 2013 – The report of the Director of Place submitted a report (previously circulated) advising Members of the licences granted in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013.

The submitted report which detailed all Officer decisions pertaining to the grant of licences. Following the receipt of uncontested applications Officers granted a total of 25 Premises Licences (including 17 variations to licence). Officers also granted 71 applications to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), 48 applications to transfer a premises licence, 4 minor variations and 78 Personal Licences. In addition Officers processed 173 uncontested Temporary Event notices (TENs).

Members were referred to Appendix which detailed three Premises Licences that had been granted following a Hearing by a Sub Committee of the main Committee and a further three Premises Licence that had been subject to review of licence. Members noted that the total number of Premises Licences currently issued is 372 and the total number of Personal Licences is currently 1008.

RESOLVED – That the contents of report be noted.

LA15. PERSONAL ALCOHOL LICENCES: ENABLING TARGETED, LOCAL ALTERNATIVES – RESPONSES HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION ON 6 NOVEMBER 2013 – The Director of Place submitted a report (previously circulated) advising Members of response made on behalf of the Council on 6 November 2013 to the Home Office consultation entitled “personal Alcohol licences: Enabling Targeted, Local Alternatives”.

The submitted report advised of the consultation document “Rebalancing the Licensing Act” issued by the Home Office for an eight week consultation period. This period expired on 7 November 2013. The consultation proposed to remove the need for

Personal Licences to authorise the sale of alcohol (on the basis that the requirement is a burden to businesses) and to be replaced with the ability to place specific conditions on premises licences in respect of training for the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and other requirements in respect of criminal record declarations. Due to the short time period available it was not possible to bring this consultation to Members for their input.

A Tees Valley response was sent by Middlesbrough Council on behalf of the five Tees Valley Authorities and a response was sent from on behalf of this Council which largely replicated the Tees Valley response but provided additional comment in respect of the impact on businesses. The response was appended to the submitted report for Members information. The trade has responded to consultation to lobby against the consultation.

RESOLVED – That the consultation response be noted.
